CLAIMS:

1. A method for implementing a cutover of a subscriber telephone line from a telephone line of a first exchange to a telephone line of a second exchange, comprising the steps of:

providing a controllable switch that is operative, in response to a control signal, to couple the subscriber telephone line to either said telephone line of the first exchange or said telephone line of the second exchange;

providing a controller, coupled with at least one of said telephone line of the first exchange and said telephone line of the second exchange for producing the control signal, coupled to said switch, upon receiving a predetermined signal over said at least one of said telephone line of the first exchange and said telephone line of the second exchange;

initially setting said switch to couple the subscriber telephone line to said telephone line of the first exchange; and

sending said predetermined signal over at least one of said telephone line of the first exchange and said telephone line of the second exchange, whereby said controller, upon receipt of said predetermined signal, produces said control signal to cause said switch to couple said subscriber telephone line to said telephone line of the second exchange.

2. The method as defined by claim 1, wherein said predetermined signal is a telephone call from a predetermined telephone number.

3. The method as defined by claim 1, wherein said step of providing a controller includes providing a controller which comprises a caller ID circuit and a processor that is responsive to predetermined telephone number recognition indications from said caller ID circuit for producing said control signal.

4. The method as defined by claim 2, wherein said step of providing a controller includes providing a controller which comprises a caller ID circuit and a processor that is responsive to predetermined telephone number recognition indications from said caller ID circuit for producing said control signal.

5. The method as defined by claim 3, wherein the first exchange is an ILEC, and the second exchange is a CLEC.

6. The method as defined by claim 4, wherein the first exchange is an ILEC, and the second exchange is a CLEC.

7. The method as described by claim 6, wherein said step of providing said controllable switch and said controller comprises providing said switch and controller at a central office of the ILEC.

8. The method as defined by claim 3, wherein said processor is operative, upon indication from said caller ID circuit of receipt of a telephone call from a first predetermined telephone number, to put said switch in a position connecting said

subscriber telephone line to said telephone line of the first exchange, and is operative, upon indication from said caller ID circuit, of a telephone call from a second predetermined telephone number, to put said switch in a position connecting said subscriber telephone line to said telephone line of the second exchange.

9. The method as defined by claim 5, wherein said processor is operative, upon indication from said caller ID circuit of receipt of a telephone call from a first predetermined telephone number, to put said switch in a position connecting said subscriber telephone line to said telephone line of the first exchange, and is operative, upon indication from said caller ID circuit, of a telephone call from a second predetermined telephone number, to put said switch in a position connecting said subscriber telephone line to said telephone line of the second exchange.

10. The method as defined by claim 1, wherein said predetermined signal is a distinctive ring.

11. A method for implementing a cutover of a subscriber telephone line from a telephone line of a first exchange to a telephone line of a second exchange, comprising the steps of:

temporarily connecting a circuit that includes a controllable switch and a controller to said subscriber telephone line, said telephone line of the first

exchange and said telephone line of the second exchange, said controllable switch being operative, in response to a control signal, to couple said subscriber telephone line to either said telephone line of the first exchange or said telephone line of the second exchange, and said controller being operative to produce the control signal, upon receiving a predetermined signal over said at least one of said telephone line of the first exchange and said telephone line of the second exchange;

initially setting said switch to couple the subscriber telephone line to said telephone line of the first exchange; and

sending said predetermined signal over at least one of said telephone line of the first exchange and said telephone line of the second exchange, whereby said controller, upon receipt of said predetermined signal, produces said control signal to cause said switch to couple said subscriber telephone line to said telephone line of the second exchange; and

wiring said subscriber telephone line to said telephone line to said telephone line of the second exchange, and disconnecting said circuit.

12. The method as defined by claim 11, wherein said predetermined signal is a telephone call from a predetermined telephone number.

13. The method as defined by claim 11, wherein said predetermined signal is a distinctive ring.

14 The method as defined by claim 11, wherein said step of temporarily connecting a circuit that includes a controllable switch and a controller includes providing a controller which comprises a caller ID circuit and a processor that is responsive to predetermined telephone number recognition indications from said caller ID circuit for producing said control signal.

15. The method as defined by claim 12, wherein said step of temporarily connecting a circuit that includes a controllable switch and a controller includes providing a controller which comprises a caller ID circuit and a processor that is responsive to predetermined telephone number recognition indications from said caller ID circuit for producing said control signal.

16. The method as defined by claim 14, wherein the first exchange is an ILEC, and the second exchange is a CLEC.

17 The method as defined by claim 15, wherein the first exchange is an ILEC, and the second exchange is a CLEC.

18. The method as defined by claim 14, wherein said processor is operative, upon indication from said caller ID circuit of receipt of a telephone call from a first predetermined telephone number, to put said switch in a position connecting said subscriber telephone line to said telephone line of the first

exchange, and is operative, upon indication from said caller ID circuit, of a telephone call from a second predetermined telephone number, to put said switch in a position connecting said subscriber telephone line to said telephone line of the second exchange.

19. The method as defined by claim 15, wherein said processor is operative, upon indication from said caller ID circuit of receipt of a telephone call from a first predetermined telephone number, to put said switch in a position connecting said subscriber telephone line to said telephone line of the first exchange, and is operative, upon indication from said caller ID circuit, of a telephone call from a second predetermined telephone number, to put said switch in a position connecting said subscriber telephone line to said telephone line of the second exchange.

20. A cutover device for use in implementing temporary cutover of a subscriber telephone line from a telephone line of a first exchange to a telephone line of a second exchange, comprising:

a controllable switch having a main leg coupleable to said subscriber telephone line, a first leg coupleable to said telephone line of the first exchange, and a second leg coupleable to said telephone line of the second exchange, and operative, in response to a control signal, to couple the subscriber telephone line to either the telephone line of the first exchange or the telephone line of the second exchange; and

a controller for producing said control signal upon receipt, from a remote location, of a predetermined trigger signal.

21. The device as defined by claim 20, wherein said trigger signal is a telephone call from a predetermined telephone number.

22. The device as defined by claim 20, wherein said controller is coupled with at least one of said telephone line of the first exchange and said telephone line of the second exchange for producing the control signal, coupled to said switch, upon receiving a predetermined signal over said at least one of said telephone line of the first exchange and said telephone line of the second exchange.

23. The device as defined by claim 20, wherein said controller comprises a caller ID circuit and a processor that is responsive to predetermined telephone number recognition indications from said caller ID circuit for producing said control signal.

24. The device as defined by claim 21, wherein said controller comprises a caller ID circuit and a processor that is responsive to predetermined telephone number recognition indications from said caller ID circuit for producing said control signal.

25. The device as defined by claim 22, wherein said controller comprises a caller ID circuit and a processor that is responsive to predetermined telephone number recognition indications from said caller ID circuit for producing said control signal.